

TAFT OPENS BASEBALL SEASON

PITCHES THE BALL TO DOLLY GRAY OF THE WASHINGTONS.

Who Sends It Over the Plate for One Strike and Then Puts It in His Pocket as a Souvenir—President in Fine Form—Cheered as He Entered Field.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—President Taft opened the Washington and the American League baseball season this afternoon by pitching the sphere to Dolly Gray, the Washington's left handed twirler. Gray immediately sent the ball speeding over the plate for one strike, then carefully tucked it into the pocket of his jacket and buttoned down the flap. It will be a souvenir in the Gray household, resting on a pink satin pillow under a glass covered case. Before the ball is locked up Gray will take it down to the White House to have the President autograph it.

The President showed up for the first day of the season in excellent form as a fan. From the minute the crowd in the bleachers sighted him and the band began to play "The Star Spangled Banner" he was a broad smile.

The weather was a good deal too cold for fast playing, but it was a good game from the standpoint of the home fans, and President Taft, as Mayor of Washington, warmed up with the crowd when the Nationals entered into a batting rally in the last half of the sixth inning and added six runs to their score against the Boston Red Sox.

Taking its cue from the President, the White House was busy all day with baseball talk. President Taft, of the Washington club was an early caller at the Executive offices, bringing with him his No. 1 for the President. The President had invited Gen. Clarence Edwards and Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts, two old-time fans, to be on hand at the White House to accompany him to the scene of action. Secretary Hillers and Major Archie Butt, military aide, also were included in the Presidential party.

When the President entered the field hats went off and the crowd of 15,000 roared cheerfully. The President paused to speak a word or two of encouragement to the players and to tell Pat Donovan, manager of the Red Sox, that he was sorry he could not wish luck to the Boston team, too. The President was on hand at the White House to accompany him to the scene of action. Secretary Hillers and Major Archie Butt, military aide, also were included in the Presidential party.

The excitement proved a little too much for Dolly Gray. The President occupied a box right back of the home plate and Dolly had to put the ball over the rubber with the President's eye squarely on him. For a time the Boston team made such havoc of the Senators that gloom spread through the grandstand. About the middle of the game the Washington fans were just desperate enough to be warmed up by a clean hit. When they got this in the sixth inning the rally started.

Then the Capitol crowd in the grandstand, led by the President, began to show real enthusiasm and the Washington players did their best in fine style. The landed six runs in one inning and made the final score 8 to 5 in their favor.

The President didn't mind the cold weather. The only time he broke and seemed to be bothered was when he watched a Boston fly away from the glove of a Washington outfielder. When they took Dolly Gray out of the box the President turned to Butt and said: "I wish they would put Walter Johnson in." But Manager McAleer of the Washington team placed Dixey Walker on the mound and his work proved so clever that the President added him to his list of favorites alongside of Johnson.

The President stuck the game through, even though he had to stamp his feet to get warm at times. He turned to Butt, who was shivering in a gray army overcoat, and to him remarked that warm weather and many more baseball games are coming.

BARGE CANAL TERMINALS.

Conference Today to Pass on the Recommendations of the Commission.

ALBANY, April 12.—Representatives of canal interests from all parts of the State are to meet in conference here to-morrow to pass upon the recommendations made by the commission which investigated the question of establishing barge canal terminals at different points along the line of the canal and in New York city and Buffalo. An initial meeting on this question was held here some weeks ago and a committee was appointed to consider the question met here to-night.

This committee will report to the conference to-morrow in favor of the passage of a bill accepting generally the recommendations of the Barge Canal Terminal Commission, which favor the establishment of terminals at an outside cost of \$15,000,000. The conference expects that legislation providing for three terminals and for the submission to a vote of the people next fall of the question of a bond issue for the amount mentioned will be passed at the present session of the Legislature.

CHILE BUSY OVER HARBORS.

Engineer of the Transandean Railroad Praises Panama Lock Canal.

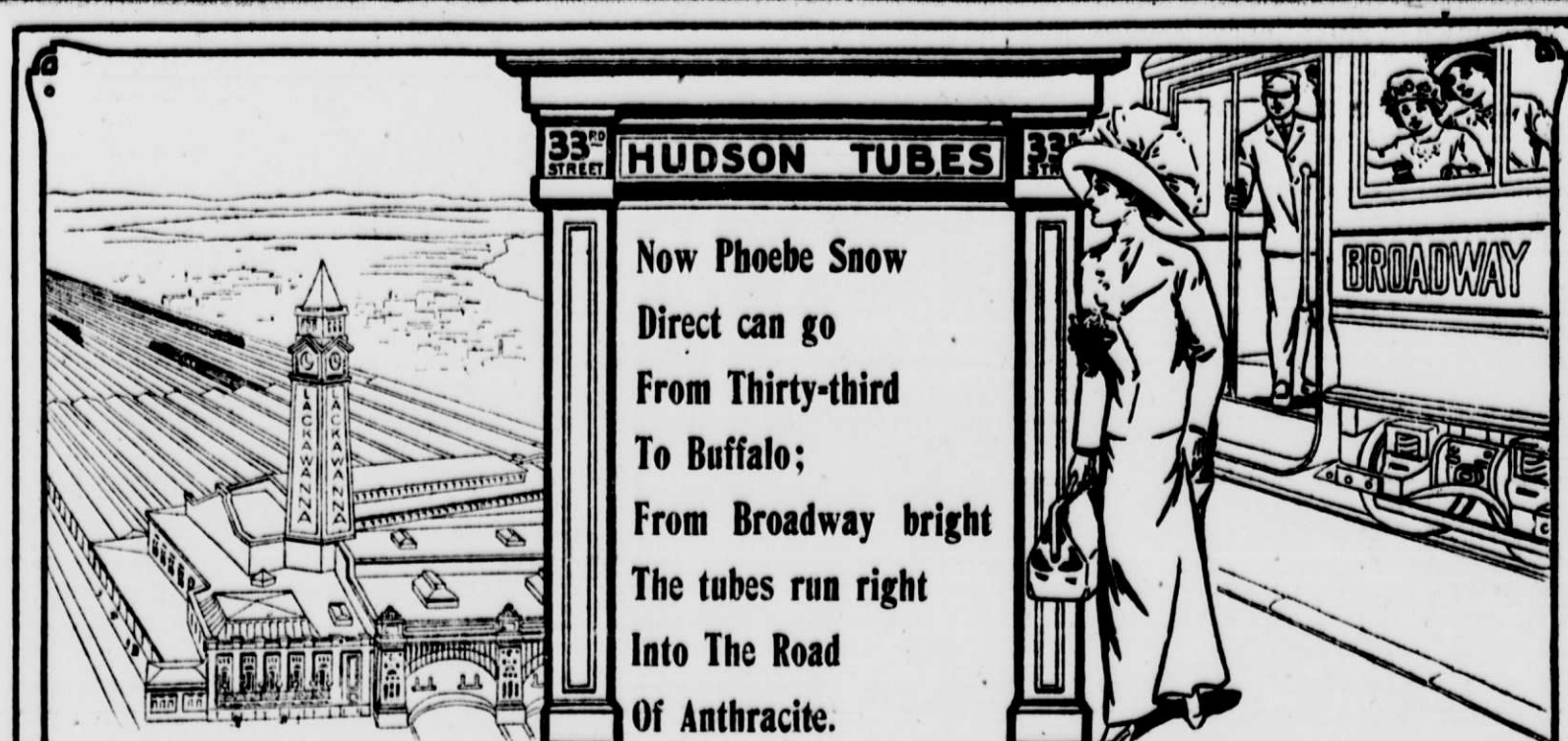
Matthew Clark, the engineer who built the Transandean Railroad, arrived yesterday by the Royal Mail Line steamship Magdalena, from Colon. He is going to the city to consult with the directors of the firm of Sir John Jackson, Limited, his employers, about plans for the construction of harbor facilities for Chile deemed necessary to develop the country after the completion of the Panama Canal. About \$20,000,000 will be expended in the work. Mr. Clark said that he had seen the canal and talked with the engineers in charge and that he regarded the decision to adopt the lock system as a stroke of genius. He believed the canal would be completed by January 1, 1914.

COLLEGE SOCIALISM SPREADS.

Membership Reported to Have Doubled in Three Months.

New York Socialists reported yesterday that within the past three months the membership of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society has doubled among the undergraduates of colleges in the East. Chapters of the society, they said, have been established in more than twenty colleges. The leaders in membership are Harvard, 30; Yale, 30; Cornell, 25; Columbia, 20; Barnard, 28; University of Pennsylvania, 25; Michigan, 30; Wisconsin, 25; New York State University, 20; College of the City of New York, 25; and University of Rochester, 25.

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STATE BOXING COMMISSION

SENATOR FRAWLEY'S BILL FOR CONTROL OF THE SPORT.

Only Clubs Licensed by the Commission Would Be Allowed to Hold Sparring Matches—Licenses for Boxers Too—Fifteen Round Bouts May Be Given.

ALBANY, April 12.—A State athletic commission to regulate boxing and sparring in this State is established by a bill which Senator James J. Frawley of New York will introduce Monday night when the Legislature reconvenes.

The proposed commission is given sole direction and jurisdiction over all boxing and sparring matches, and such matches are to be conducted only by clubs licensed by the commission. Referees of boxing or sparring matches are to be agreed upon by both parties and must be certified in writing to the commission, which may either approve or reject such designation.

The bill directs the Governor to appoint within thirty days after its passage three persons to be members of the athletic commission. At least two of the members must be residents of the Borough of Manhattan or Brooklyn, and each member shall hold office for five years. The commission shall appoint and remove at pleasure a secretary to the commission, and the necessary traveling and other expenses of the members of the commission, together with the salary of the secretary, shall not exceed \$5,000 a year.

Power is given the commission to revoke at pleasure the license authorizing a club to give sparring matches or exhibitions. Club licenses are subject to such rules and regulations as the commission may prescribe. Every application for a club license must be in writing and addressed to the commission.

The referee of any match shall have, subject to the commission, sole supervision and control of the contests, and whenever in his opinion the contestants are unevenly matched or the contest borders on brutality, of which matters he shall be the sole judge, he and he alone shall stop the same or cause it to be stopped.

The commission may appoint in each city in which a club with a boxing license is located a physician, who shall make an examination of the physical condition of such persons as may apply to him for the purpose of ascertaining whether they may be, in his opinion, able to undergo without danger to their health, the physical exertion of the exercise and ordeal of a boxing or sparring match.

In case the physician shall deem an applicant so qualified he shall furnish the commission with a certificate of approval, which shall become invalid after the lapse of one year from the day of its issuance. Upon the filing with the commission of such certificate and proof that the person, whose name is on it, is of good moral character and has never been convicted of a crime the commission may issue to such person a license to engage in boxing and sparring matches for a period of not more than one year. The license fee is \$50. The physician will be entitled to \$10 for each examination.

Provision is also made for a special examination by a physician of each contestant in a boxing or sparring match to be made on the day on which the contest is to take place for the purpose of ascertaining whether on such day he is, in the opinion of the physician, able to stand the ordeal of the contest.

Any contestant who shall participate in any sham or fake boxing or any club which may conduct such an exhibition, shall forfeit its license. In the case of a contestant who participates in a fake bout, in addition to the forfeiture of his license he shall be declared guilty of a misdemeanor.

No boxing or sparring match shall be more than fifteen rounds, and the contestants shall wear gloves weighing at least eight ounces. The sale of liquor is prohibited within the building where boxing or sparring matches are conducted.

Each boxing club within twenty-four hours after the determination of a contest shall furnish to the commission a written report showing the number of tickets sold, the amount of gross receipts and such other matters as the commission may prescribe. It shall also pay a tax of 5 per cent. of its total gross receipts to the State Comptroller, from which tax the expenses of the commission are to be paid. Before any license shall be granted to a club the applicant must file with the Comptroller a bond in the sum of \$10,000.

FOR O'GORMAN'S SEAT.

Martin J. Lynch One of the Candidates for the Vacancy on the Supreme Court.

ALBANY, April 12.—Many candidates for Justice of the Supreme Court for the First District in place made vacant by the election of Justice O'Gorman to the United States Senate are being recommended to Gov. Dix but it was said to-day that no application has as yet been received in behalf of Daniel F. Cochran. Among those who have been recommended to the Governor for the position is Martin J. Lynch. No petition in favor of Eugene A. Philbin, former District Attorney of New York, whose name is reported as likely to be among those considered for the position by the New York Bar Association, has yet come to Albany.

ELECTRIC LINES CO. LOSES.

Court of Appeals Denies Mandamus to Lay Wires in City Streets.

ALBANY, April 12.—The Court of Appeals has denied an application by the New York Electric Lines Company, which claims to have a franchise dating from 1883 to lay telephone and electric wires in the streets of Manhattan, for a writ of mandamus directing the Empire City Subway Company, which controls the wire conduits of the city, to permit the Electric Lines Company to open up the underground conduits and lay its wires.

The New York Electric Lines Company was incorporated in 1882 to construct and maintain telephone, telegraph and electric light lines in Manhattan and Brooklyn, and in 1887 the Board of Aldermen of New York adopted a resolution permitting the company to lay its wires through the streets of Manhattan. The company accepted the franchise in writing, but never proceeded with construction work, and in 1906 the franchise was revoked by the Board of Estimate.

In that year the company asked for a writ of mandamus to compel the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity to give permission to open the streets to lay wires. The Court of Appeals then decided that because of the failure of the company to execute the franchise until after 1885, when a new statute relating to the laying of underground wires was passed, the company no longer had a right to do so under the old permit from the Board of Aldermen.

The question of the company's right to lay its wires now was before the court in the present case as a matter of law. The court said that during the years when the company got permission to lay its wires franchises in the streets were considered of little or no value and were readily given to anyone who applied for public service benefits. Now they have become of immense value, and the public have become deeply interested in having and enjoying the benefits from them. Judge Haught, who wrote the decision, said that the courts have been ruling against the granting away of the rights of the public so far as streets and highways are concerned, and wrote:

"Should a public service corporation be permitted to acquire an irrevocable franchise by mere acceptance without spending a dollar and performing any work, and then hold up the public in the enjoyment of the privileges contemplated by the grant indefinitely, or until they can be barred away for a fortune? We think not."

OIL BURNING LOCOMOTIVES.

Railroads in the Adirondacks Permitted to Delay Installation Until May 1.

ALBANY, April 12.—The up-State Public Service Commission has authorized the New York Central company, the New York and Ottawa company and the Carthage and Adirondack company to defer the installation of oil burning apparatus in the Adirondack region from April 15, as provided in the original order of the commission, to May 1, provided, however, that the company shall be prepared to install such oil burning apparatus upon two days notice, in case, upon information from the Forest, Fish and Game Commissioner, the commission finds it necessary to require the company to restrict the commission for such an order, reciting that the winter has been of extreme severity in the Adirondack region, lasting very late in the season, so that at the present time there is from a foot to eighteen inches of snow along the railroad lines.

GET YOUR NEW LICENSE.

Police Say the Old Ones Aren't Good—Motorists Arrested and Fined.

Motorists who up to the present have been enjoying the privilege of driving their machines under last year's license because of some delay in providing the official maroon and white registration numbers for 1911 will have to hustle for this year's license if they want to keep out of the hands of the police. According to the police the Secretary of State has declared there is no longer any reason for extending this privilege as licenses can be obtained without delay.

Acting on this information the police began yesterday to stop cars having the blue and white 1910 registration numbers. Twenty-four of them were stopped before Magistrate Herbert in the West Side court yesterday and were fined anywhere from \$3 to \$10. All of them insisted that they had applied for this year's license and put the responsibility up to the Secretary of State. But the Magistrate informed them that that official's communication to the Police Department, adding that he would increase the fines as the days passed.

Boy Drowned While Trying to Rescue a Toy Dog.

NEWBURGH, April 12.—Frank Thorpe, 2½ years of age, was drowned in Quassaick Creek to-day. The little fellow had been playing with his toy dog when it dropped in a stream that ran near the house. He went in the house for his mother to recover it for him. She told him to wait. When she looked again the child was gone, and the grandfather, fearing something had happened to him, followed the stream for a quarter of a mile and found the body held fast near the shore by some rocks in which the clothing had caught.

FOUND IN AN AUSTRIAN JAIL.

POLICE CATCH THE MEN WHO JUMPED BARLOW'S BAIL.

Goldberg Brothers, Whose Bond the Magistrate Reduced, Have Been Gone a Year—Burglars' Tools Landed Them in Foreign Jail—They're Coming Back.

The two Goldberg brothers, Jacob and Joseph, who with Harris Rothstein were arrested in this city on March 26, 1910, for a \$15,000 jewelry burglary in Boston and who disappeared after having been admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000 by Magistrate Barlow, have been found in jail in Galicia, Austria. They are serving a sentence for carrying burglars' tools, and as soon as they are released will be taken to Boston to stand trial on the burglary charge. Rothstein is still at large.

The trail that led to finding the Goldbergs in an Austrian prison was picked up through the accidental arrest of a fourth member of the gang. On February 27, 1910, the jewelry store of Samuel Ullin in Boston was entered and the safe opened by means of the can opener. Jewelry valued at \$15,000 was taken. When the circular sent out by the Boston police department, reached New York, Detectives Kinsler, Duggan and O'Farrell, who had been keeping their eyes on a gang of yeggs in town, fancied the Boston job might be of their doing. So when they found Harris Rothstein, who is known as Kovak the Smith and who makes the can opener for the gang, Joseph Goldberg, known as Joe the Red, because of his anarchistic tendencies, and Jacob, his brother, who goes under the name of Itchsky, sauntering around town with money in their pockets, the detectives decided that they were responsible for the Boston robbery and picked them up.

They were taken to the court, where Magistrate Barlow fixed bail at \$10,000 each. That night Moses Sachs, lawyer for the three men, went to Magistrate Barlow's house and induced him to sign a bail bond for the three releasing them in the sum of \$5,000 each. They promptly jumped their bail. Charges were brought against Magistrate Barlow for his action in the matter, but they were finally dismissed by the Appellate Division, although the Justices said that the Magistrate was guilty of neglect and had violated the law.

It was thought that the prisoners had gone to London and were of the anarchist gang known as the Houdinots, over several months ago after exchanging shots with the British army. The Goldbergs were one of the Boston burglars, but not in that particular gang.

They were next heard of when on January 14 of this year Steve Maglyin of 82 Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested for hitting Stanislaw, a Houdinot, over the head with a hammer. When Maglyin was searched in the station house Detective Matthew J. Ward found pawn tickets for three watches that had been pawned on the same day. The watches were part of the loot from the Ullin store. Maglyin said that he had got the watches from Krasowska's wife and that Krasowska was one of the Boston burglars. Krasowska was arrested and sent to Boston to stand trial.

Maglyin remembered after a time that he had heard the Goldbergs in Galicia jail. Their term expires in July, and they then get out Lynch will bring them back to Boston.

MRS. H. C. FOX SEEKS ALIMONY.

Court Frowns on Sealing Papers in a Separation Suit.

Supreme Court Justice Blanchard heard argument yesterday on a motion in behalf of Mrs. Marguerite Hitt Fox for temporary alimony pending a suit for separation from Hugh Corby Fox, manufacturer of railroad supplies. Howard Gans, counsel for Mrs. Fox, asked the court to seal the papers, but Justice Blanchard replied:

"I don't look up papers. If the public interests will be served by sealing the papers they will be sealed. But in my long experience I have never found it necessary to seal papers."

The court reserved decision on the alimony motion. Mrs. Fox got the custody of her son, Hugh Corby Fox, Jr., by habeas corpus proceedings, and at that time she made charges against her husband's relatives concerning which she said she didn't care to go into particulars.

Run Down by Taxi—\$20,000 Damages.

William B. Capell, a silk salesman, who was run down by one of the New York Transportation Company's taxicabs in front of the Hotel Breslin in May, 1909, got a verdict for \$20,000 damages against the transportation company from a jury before Supreme Court Justice Delany yesterday. The injury ruptured a blood vessel in Capell's leg and the leg was amputated a year later. Capell's lawyer, Francis X. McCollum, of 85 Nassau street, called only one witness, besides Capell. This witness was Meyer Bernstein, a newsboy who had sold a paper to Capell just before he stepped off the sidewalk and was hurt.

MCANENY MOVES THE OIL.

Met the Judges and Got From Them a Milder Letter Than the First.

Borough President McAneny issued a statement yesterday afternoon denying that the Manhattan Bureau of Buildings had turned the basement of the County Court House into a storage place for inflammable materials and saying that the statement to that effect published yesterday was "a piece of misrepresentation for which I understand the Judges at least are not accountable."

Mr. McAneny said that "a letter of the sort was prepared by some one for signature by the Judges, but the Judges, upon learning the actual facts, promptly recalled this and filed instead a brief note requesting that an inspection be made and proper action taken to correct any conditions that might be found to be hazardous."

As stated in yesterday's SUN, the letter declaring that Borough President McAneny had usurped the basement of the County House for storage purposes and directing him to remove the inflammable materials forthwith was not "prepared by some one for signature by the Judges," but was written by County Clerk Schneider at the request of the County House committee and after being approved by Justice Giegerich. It was left with Borough President McAneny. Mr. McAneny kept the letter until night, when he met a committee of the Judges, and as a result of the interview Justice Giegerich as chairman of the committee finally wrote a new letter in which he told Mr. McAneny that it was thought he would realize the present menace to the Court House because of the contents of the basement and asked him to remedy the situation.

A large quantity of oils and paints stored in the basement was removed the first thing yesterday morning, although a number of empty oil soaked barrels, some of which are full, still remain. A truck load of oil was delivered at the Court House at noon, but after an employee of the Bureau of Buildings had telephoned to Supt. Insley the oil was carted elsewhere in a hurry.

Mr. McAneny said that the shops and storage rooms in the basement have been there many years and that when he went into office they were really menaces, but said his Superintendent of Buildings had instituted various improvements that have reduced the fire risk materially.

OLD OFFENDER BEGS OFF.

Says He Is Not a Criminal at Heart and Judge Suspends Sentence.

James Brown, who says that seventeen of the fifty-six years of his life have been spent in jail, pleaded guilty in General Sessions yesterday to breaking a window at 304 Broadway and attempting to steal some small articles. Judge Rosalaky read the following letter which he had received from the prisoner:

"I want to call your attention to the fact that I am no desperate character, nor a professional thief. Of course I expect you will send me to State prison. I pleaded guilty to the attempted burglary charge and have a record which reaches back to 1873."

"This was a case of breaking a window and the authorities made a case of attempted burglary of it. My prison experience has been a hard one. No one knows any better than myself that 'what a man sows he shall reap.' But on the other hand walking the streets day after day on an empty stomach with no prospect of work in view is a tough proposition. I am not a criminal at heart, and if you I expect my sentence consists to meet the demands of justice that is all I ask."

Judge Rosalaky said that his investigation had shown that the statements were true and turned the prisoner over to Paul Armstrong, the playwright, with whom he was in court and volunteered to find work for him. An indictment as a fourth offender was drawn against Brown, and he was held over him in case he violates the parole attaching to a suspended sentence.

SHOOFLES FOR DOCTORS?

Two Physicians Fired From Health Department Say So.

Dr. Charles G. O'Connor of 280 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, the second physician to be discharged by Commissioner Lederle after trial before the Board of Health in Manhattan, attributes his trouble to a "shoofly" system employed by the department in Brooklyn. Dr. Frank Doyle was dismissed several days ago.

Both men were detailed to the division of child hygiene and both were discharged, it is said, for failing their time cards. Some of their calls were made on Sunday instead of Saturday. In filing out their cards it is alleged that they made it appear as though the calls were made on Saturday, as provided by law.

Dr. T. R. Maxfield, sanitary superintendent of Brooklyn, denied that there was a shoofly system. It was merely a matter of verifying the medical inspection reports, he said.

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HE WAS TIRED OF FAILURES.

Contractor Successful in Germany Found No Opportunities Here.

Solomon Benthner, a contractor and builder of Frankfort-on-Main, Germany, came to this country eight months ago in the hope of better business opportunities than Germany afforded, although he had been successful there. Yesterday he landed at New York City, 2002 Madison avenue, went to his room and found him dead from cyanide. Benthner was a widower, 50 years old. He left a note to the police in German, saying: "I, the undersigned, wish to state that I have taken my own life. I am tired."

Dr. Johannes Hoving of 282 Lenox avenue, a friend of Benthner's, and Benthner's lawyer, Henry A. Covington, with office at 60 Wall street, say that Benthner was well connected in Germany, and that he was well to do before he came to America. He had handled many important contracts in the larger cities of Germany, but found no opening here.

SHE WANTED TO BE RESCUED.

Cop Rescued Her and Firemen Put Out a Cigarette Fire.

When a fire alarm was rung for the Hotel Gainsborough at 150 West Thirty-fourth street yesterday a bellboy named John Regan met Policeman Clancy at the door. Regan led the way to apartment 6, where there was some smoke and audible signs of distress. The source of the distress became known when Miss Elaine Patten groped her way to the door and demanded that the policeman rescue her. He rescued her at once. The other occupants of the building were at that time walking down the stairway to see the engine come up. The firemen found that some one had thrown a cigarette on the carpet.

Surface Car Killed a Boy.

Four-year-old Arthur Sears of 32 East Fifty-ninth street slipped from a dirt heap in front of his home, where they are excavating for the approach to the Queensboro Bridge, and fell in front of a westbound surface car yesterday afternoon. The boy's mother saw the accident from the window of her home, and she went with Arthur, whose legs had been crushed by the car, to the Flower Hospital. Before they could get him to the operating table the boy died. No arrests were made.

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Outlook Club to Hear "Outlook" Editor on the New Nationalism.

MONTCLAIR, April 12.—The Montclair Outlook Club to-day announced that at its April meeting, to be held on April 28, the speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott and Edward M. Shepard of New York. The subject to be discussed will be "The New Nationalism."